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Fall 2021 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Semi-annual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared and is making available its portion of the semi-annual Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions (Agenda), including its Regulatory Plan (Plan), pursuant to Executive Order 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” and the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agenda is a government-wide compilation of upcoming and ongoing regulatory activity, including a brief description of each rulemaking and a timetable for action. The Agenda also includes a list of regulatory actions completed since publication of the last Agenda. The Department of Energy’s portion of the Agenda includes regulatory actions called for by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended, and programmatic needs of DOE offices.

The Internet is the basic means for disseminating the Agenda and providing users the ability to obtain information from the Agenda database. DOE’s entire Fall 2021 Regulatory Agenda can be accessed online by going to www.reginfo.gov.

Publication in the **Federal Register** is mandated by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602) only for Agenda entries that require either a regulatory flexibility analysis or periodic review under section 610 of that Act. The Plan appears in both the online Agenda and the **Federal Register** and includes the most important of DOE’s significant regulatory actions and a Statement of Regulatory and Deregulatory Priorities.

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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
255	Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps	1904–AD09
256	Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Conventional Cooking Products	1904–AD15
257	Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Non-Weatherized Gas Furnaces and Mobile Home Gas Furnaces	1904–AD20
258	Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Water Heating-Equipment (Reg Plan Seq No. 40)	1904–AD34

References in boldface appear in The Regulatory Plan in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
259	Test Procedures for Dehumidifying Direct-Expansion Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems	1904–AE46

Department of Energy (DOE)	Proposed Rule Stage
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)	

255. ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR GENERAL SERVICE LAMPS

Legal Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6295(i)(6)(A)

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will issue a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that includes a proposed determination with respect to whether to amend or adopt standards for general service light-emitting diode (LED) lamps and that may include a proposed determination with respect to whether to amend or adopt standards for compact fluorescent lamps.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Framework Document Availability; Notice of Public Meeting	12/09/13	78 FR 73737
Framework Document Comment Period End	01/23/14	
Framework Document Comment Period Extended	01/23/14	79 FR 3742
Framework Document Comment Period Extended End	02/07/14	
Preliminary Analysis and Notice of Public Meeting	12/11/14	79 FR 73503
Preliminary Analysis Comment Period Extended	01/30/15	80 FR 5052
Preliminary Analysis Comment Period Extended End	02/23/15	
Notice of Public Meeting; Webinar	03/15/16	81 FR 13763

NPRM	03/17/16	81 FR 14528
NPRM Comment Period End	05/16/16	
Notice of Public Meeting; Webinar	10/05/16	81 FR 69009
Proposed Definition and Data Availability	10/18/16	81 FR 71794
Proposed Definition and Data Availability Comment Period End	11/08/16	
Final Rule Adopting a Definition for GSL	01/19/17	82 FR 7276
Final Rule Adopting a Definition for GSL Effective	01/01/20	
Final Rule Adopting a Definition for GSL Including IRL	01/19/17	82 FR 7322
Final Rule Adopting a Definition for GSL Including IRL Effective	01/01/20	
Final Rule; Withdrawal of Definition for GSL (Reported as 1904-AE26)	09/05/19	84 FR 46661
Final Rule; Withdrawal of Definition for GSL Effective	10/07/19	
Supplemental NPRM	01/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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256. ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL COOKING PRODUCTS

Legal Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6295(m)(1); 42 U.S.C. 6292 (a)(10); 42 U.S.C. 6295(h)

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended by Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), requires the Secretary to determine whether updating the statutory energy conservation standards for residential conventional cooking products would yield a significant savings in energy use and is technologically feasible and economically justified. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is reviewing the current standards to make such determination.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Information (RFI)	02/12/14	79 FR 8337
RFI Comment Period End	03/14/14	
RFI Comment Period Extended	03/03/14	79 FR 11714
RFI Comment Period Extended End	04/14/14	
NPRM and Public Meeting	06/10/15	80 FR 33030

NPRM Comment Period Extended	07/30/15	80 FR 45452
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	09/09/15	
Supplemental NPRM	09/02/16	81 FR 60784
SNPRM Comment Period Extended	09/30/16	81 FR 67219
SNPRM Comment Period Extended End	11/02/16	
Notice of Proposed Determination and Request for Comment	12/14/20	85 FR 80982
Notice of Proposed Determination Comment Period End	03/01/21	
Second SNPRM	06/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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**257. ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL NON-WEATHERIZED GAS
FURNACES AND MOBILE HOME GAS FURNACES**

Legal Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6295(f)(4)(C); 42 U.S.C. 6295(m)(1); 42 U.S.C. 6295(gg)(3)

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, (EPCA) prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including residential furnaces. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to determine whether more-stringent amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified and would save a significant amount of energy. DOE is considering amendments to its energy conservation standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces and mobile home gas furnaces pursuant to a court-ordered remand of DOE's 2011 rulemaking for these products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Public Meeting	10/30/14	79 FR 64517
NPRM and Notice of Public Meeting	03/12/15	80 FR 13120
NPRM Comment Period Extended	05/20/15	80 FR 28851
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	07/10/15	
Notice of Data Availability (NODA)	09/14/15	80 FR 55038
NODA Comment Period End	10/14/15	
NODA Comment Period Reopened	10/23/15	80 FR 64370
NODA Comment Period Reopened End	11/06/15	

Supplemental NPRM and Notice of Public Meeting	09/23/16	81 FR 65720
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End	11/22/16	
SNPRM Comment Period Reopened	12/05/16	81 FR 87493
SNPRM Comment Period End	01/06/17	
Notice of NPRM Withdrawal	01/15/21	86 FR 3873
NPRM	03/00/22	

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258. ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL WATER HEATING–EQUIPMENT

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 40 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

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259. TEST PROCEDURES FOR DEHUMIDIFYING DIRECT-EXPANSION DEDICATED OUTDOOR AIR SYSTEMS

Legal Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)

Abstract: Consistent with the requirements under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking to establish a Federal test procedure for dehumidifying direct-expansion dedicated outdoor air systems (DDX-DOASes) under 10 CFR 431.96. For covered equipment addressed in the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1, the DOE test procedure must be based upon the generally accepted industry testing procedure referenced in that industry consensus standard (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(A)). The statute further requires that each time the referenced industry test procedure is updated, DOE must amend the Federal test procedure to be consistent with the amended industry test procedure, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the update would not be representative of an average use cycle or would be unduly burdensome to conduct (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(B)). Independent of that test procedure review obligation, EPCA also includes a 7-year-lookback review provision for covered commercial and industrial equipment that requires DOE to conduct an evaluation of each class of covered equipment to determine whether amended test procedures would more accurately or fully comply with the requirements that the Federal test procedure be representative of an average use cycle and not be unduly burdensome to conduct (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(1)). In this test procedure rulemaking for DDX-DOASes, DOE is acting under its authority at 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4), and accordingly, it will propose and adopt a new Federal test procedure for this equipment. (The NOPR for this rule was mistakenly published in the Federal Register as RIN 1904-AD93 on July 7, 2021).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Information (RFI)	07/25/17	82 FR 34427
RFI Comment Period Ends	08/24/17	

NPRM (Incorrectly Published as 1904-AD93)	07/07/21	86 FR 36018
NPRM Comment Period End	09/07/21	
Final Rule	04/00/22	

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